

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

DAVIS, Jo Ann (Republican)
Representative, 1st District, Virginia
Elected 2000 to 107th Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: Rowan County, North Carolina - 29 June 1950
Home: Yorktown, Virginia
Marital status: Married (Chuck) - 2 children
Religion: Assembly of God
Education: Kecoughtan High School, Hampton, VA, 1968; Attended Hampton Roads

Business College, 1971

Military: None

Profession: Real estate broker, business owner, Virginia House of Delegates

Political: Defeated Lawrence Davies (D) with 58% of the vote to succeed Herbert H. Bateman (R), who died. Reelected in 2002 - ran unopposed. Served in the Virginia House, 1998-2000.

Rep Davis is firmly in the conservative camp, perhaps one of the most conservative women in Congress. Stresses the importance of a robust military. Emphasizes fiscally conservative principles, such as tax relief and keeping federal spending in check, and keeping promises to military retirees.

In the 107th Congress, suggested that her assignment to the HASC is a major step toward securing the vast military interests of her district. Asserted "Our goal must be more than just repairing the damage inflicted by eight years of neglect under the Clinton-Gore administration. We must reform our national defense to adjust to changing obstacles and challenges that await us in the new century." In February 2001, joined with other Virginia lawmakers who criticized the President for not committing himself to a bigger military budget in his first address to Congress. Commented that her top priority is rebuilding and reforming the nation's military. Believed the Congress should pass an emergency supplemental for defense. Introduced legislation that would roll back the effective date from April 1, 2001, to Oct 1, 2000, to increase the military's Servicemember's Group Life Insurance program maximum benefit to \$250,000; legislation would benefit family members of the victims of the USS Cole bombing as well as families of the 18 Virginia National Guardsmen who were lost in a plane crash.

Commended the Air Force for its selection of Langley AFB as home to the first F-22 Operational Wing. In tribute to the victims of September 11, began reading each of their names on the House floor.

Additional: Dahlgren Naval Surface Warfare Center is in her district and many of her constituents work at Newport News Shipbuilding. She also has Fort Monroe, Fort A. P. Hill, and the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. Her district is influenced by the presence of Norfolk Naval Base. She was one of the founders of the International Military Relocation Center, which specializes in relocating US military families around the world. Her husband is battalion chief for the Hampton Roads Fire Dept.

AF Bases: Langley AFB (housing area only); Reserve Forces

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